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DATE: October 24, 2013

TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians Certified by the Board of Allergy and Immunology

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Update to Increased Medicaid Payment for Primary Care

EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2013

Informational Letters [1194](#) and [1224](#) advised about a provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) supporting increased payments to certain primary care physicians for specified services. The requirements specify that the services eligible for the higher payment must be delivered by a physician who specializes in family medicine, general internal medicine or pediatric medicine and includes services provided by non-physician practitioners if billed under the National Provider Identifier (NPI) of an eligible physician. To be eligible, the physician is required to self-attest to their qualifications.

Update: Additional guidance, from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in June of 2013, allowed physicians certified by the American Board of Allergy and Immunology (ABAI) that were first board certified by either the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) or the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM), **and** are subspecialists in Internal Medicine or Pediatrics are eligible for the payment increase in addition to the original group. The IME understands that some holders of a certificate from ABAI will not have a current certificate in Internal Medicine or Pediatrics because there is not a requirement to maintain the primary certification. To be consistent with the additional direction from CMS, the IME will allow physicians certified by the ABAI attesting as eligible through November 15, 2013, to be paid for claims with dates of service going back to January 1, 2013. Providers attesting as eligible under this new category by November 15, 2013, will have previously paid claims automatically adjusted by the IME to reflect the higher rate where applicable.

Self-attestation is simple. Providers should go to <http://www.tfaforms.com/264250> and complete the single page e-form capturing a provider's identification and qualification information along with the attestation of eligibility. The form has been adjusted to include the new category.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.